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LARWQCB CHAIR ADVOCATES LINKING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES TO MEET MULTIPLE PUBLIC POLICY GOALS

In a keynote presentation to architects, urban planners and other professionals attending the February 12, 2003 Healthy Urban Watershed Workshop, Susan Cloke, Chair of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, addressed the serious problem of urban storm water runoff. Noted by Chair Cloke:

- *Runoff* refers to water from rainfall, snowmelt or commercial, agricultural and residential activities which is not absorbed by soil and flows into streams, rivers, ponds, wetlands, lakes, estuaries, bays or other water bodies. As runoff flows over streets, parking lots, construction sites and other ground surfaces, it picks up and carries with it a variety of pollutants, including bacteria from pet wastes and faulty septic systems, oil, grease, heavy metals, toxic chemicals and sediment. Runoff carries these pollutants into our storm drains and then into our rivers, groundwater recharging basins and coastal waters.
- Water quality, water quantity, public health, economic, recreational, social and aesthetic benefits can be realized through implementing development and design strategies that integrate the natural landscape with water quality and drainage needs.
- Ms. Cloke's remarks can be found at:

<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/cloke/stormwaterworkshop.pdf>

LARWQCB CHAIR AND STAFF TESTIFY IN SUPPORT OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY WETWEATHER TMDL

During a March 4, 2003 workshop held by the California State Water Resources Control Board, Susan Cloke, Chair of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, discussed the importance and appropriateness of the proposed Santa Monica Bay Wet Weather TMDL. Accompanying Chair Cloke were LARWQCB staff members Deborah Smith, Jonathon Bishop and Renee DeShazo.

- Ms. Cloke stated that "our beaches are an icon for Southern California. This TMDL translates that icon into practical public health and recreational benefits for the over 55 million visitors to Santa Monica Bay beaches each year." Added Ms. Cloke, "it specifically protects the 7.5 million visitors who come to Santa Monica Bay beaches from November through March, [during the region's wet weather season]."
- Joining Ms. Cloke was LARWQCB staff member Rene DeShazo, who testified on the proposed TMDL's flexibility. As noted by Ms. DeShazo, the TMDL uses a realistic, environmentally protective reference system, includes tailored implementation schedules, and provides for the reevaluation of technical aspects of the TMDL in four years.
- Following Ms. Cloke's presentation, State Board Chair Art Baggett announced that the Santa Monica Bay Wet Weather TMDL would be voted on as a consent item during the State Board's March 19, 2003 meeting.
- Ms. Cloke's testimony can be found at:
<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/cloke/pathogenTMDL.pdf>